

POST SHORTS

Recycling schedule



The recycling pickup for Wednesday, Sept. 25, is plastic, glass and metal. Put items in blue bags and place them on the curb.

BIG membership drive

The public is invited to join members of the Blacks In Government's Susquehanna Chapter Sept. 21, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Riverside Club House in Bel Camp, for the chapter's annual membership drive. The Riverside Club House is located at the intersection of Church Creek and Declaration Circle.

Information on the chapter's mission and the national organization will be available to attendees. Membership is open to any federal, state or local government employee and/or contractor regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin or religion.

Blacks In Government was organized in 1975 and incorporated as a non-profit organization under the District of Columbia jurisdiction in 1976. BIG has been a national response to the need for African Americans in public service to organize around issues of mutual concern and use their collective strength to confront workplace and community issues.

BIG's goals are to promote equity in all aspects of American life, excellence in public service, and opportunity for all Americans.

For more information, contact Johnita Pitts, 410-273-7915, Marsha K. Glenn, 443-528-3060 or Larry D. McCaskill, 410-485-7054.

RAB meeting announced

The Installation Restoration Program will hold its monthly Restoration Advisory Board meeting Sept. 26, 7 to 9:45 p.m., at the Edgewood Senior Center on Gateway Road. The topics will include updates on the Graces Quarters and Carroll Island areas and the Lauderick Creek CWM Removal Action. Board meetings are open to the public. All APG employees and citizens are invited. For more information, call the Information Line at 410-272-8842 or 1-800-APG-9998.

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Noble warriors talk about time spent at APG

APG bids farewell to its noble eagles



Photo by MATT BUTTON
1st Sgt. Richard Magnum with the Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 1st Battalion, 115th Infantry Regiment, gets a big hug from his daughter, Hayley, after the farewell ceremony.

Yvonne Johnson

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On Sept. 5, senior leaders, local dignitaries, soldiers and civilians took time to witness the send-off of the Army National Guard and Reserve soldiers who supported security efforts on Aberdeen Proving Ground for the last nine months as part of the Operation Noble Eagle I initiative to increase stability on military installations worldwide.

Forces from the Maryland Army National Guard, Maryland Army Reserve and Tennessee Army Reserve took up residence on APG just weeks after the Sept. 11 terrorist attack to bolster the capabilities of the Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

In the absence of Maj. Gen. John C. Doesburg, commander of APG and the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command, Brig. Gen. Craig A. Peterson, deputy commander for Homeland Operations, SBCCOM Chemical Command, Natick, Mass., served as the host commander.

Activated Noble Eagle Army Reservist Lt. Col. Donnie Butler, APG garrison executive officer, served as commander of the troops which included Headquarters and Headquarters Company 1/115th Infantry Regiment, MDARNG; Company C, 1/115th Infantry Regiment, MDARNG, the 352nd Military Police Company, USAR; and the 450th Military Police Company, USAR out of Nashville, Tenn.

Dave Burdick, the program's master of ceremonies, welcomed guests as the Noble Eagle soldiers stood in formation on Fanshaw Field.

He said the focus of the ceremony was to recognize, honor and bid farewell to the assembled soldiers.

"These soldiers were mobilized under Operation Noble Eagle I and deployed to APG to assist in maintaining force protection and the site defense of critical national assets," Burdick said.

Also a mobilized National Guardsman, Lt. Col. Lonnie Southern, chaplain, delivered the invocation, thanking God for His presence during the past year.

"Thank you for these faithful ones who have answered the call to duty," Southern said. "Give us the strength to finish the good work."

Assisted by Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG Garrison and deputy installation commander, and Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings, Peterson presented Noble Eagle coins from the U.S. Army Materiel Command commander to each unit member, in recognition of their service on APG. In addition, each member received a letter of appreciation signed by Doesburg.

Other honors included the presentation of a Congressional

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Armed forces join public servants in remembering Sept. 11

Yvonne Johnson

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Ripken Stadium in Aberdeen was filled to near capacity last week, only this time, instead of baseball uniforms, the uniforms of the armed forces, law enforcement, firefighters and emergency medical responders filled the field.

All were gathered for a solemn commemoration of the first anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks that took thousands of lives in New York, Washington, D.C., and Pennsylvania.

Soldiers from the Maryland Army National Guard Company G, 224th Aviation Regiment, and the U.S. Army Ordnance Center and Schools 16th Ordnance Battalion led a color guard procession of police officers, firefighters and medical technicians and veteran organizations that marched on the field to open the program to the sounds of bag pipes from the Boumi Temple Highlanders, the Baltimore City Pipe Band, and the Na Fianna Pipe Band.

Radio station WXYC-FM handed out more than 2,000 flags and a slide show of past patriotic scenes and events from Aberdeen Proving Ground and local community,

courtesy of the Harford Cable Network, was presented on the Jumbotron prior to the start of the ceremony. Alan Walden, WBAL-FM radio, emceed the program.

Highlights of the evening included a Black Hawk fly-over by the MDARNG 104th Medical Company, 29th Aviation Brigade; a keynote address by Maj. Gen. James F. Fretterd, Maryland Adjutant General, and memorial addresses by James M. Harkins, Harford County Executive, Thomas G. Schaech, vice president, Harford County Association of Volunteer Fire and Emergency Medical Services and Joseph P. Meadows, Harford County Sheriff.

In solemn tribute, a table of remembrance was placed near home plate. On it were police, firefighter and military headgear, symbolizing the emergency responders and civilians who lost their lives in the attacks; a briefcase and an umbrella, representing civilians; and a single white candle in remembrance of loved ones left behind.

During the ceremony, selected participants laid wreaths on the table. They were Stephen Lancaster, a firefighter with the

Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Department who also served in Ground Zero search and recovery efforts, and his daughter, Kerry Lancaster, 12, Girl Scout Troop 186; Officer Warren Brooks, Aberdeen Police Department; Brian Bauer, 16, Boy Scout Troop 265; and Master Sgt. Harry

Ballard, MDARNG, mentoring coordinator for the Military Youth Corps Free State Challenge Academy.

The event was organized by a committee headed by Merrie Street, Harford County director of Governmental and Community Relations. Street said Harkins approached her

about putting on a program for the community in January.

"He wanted an appropriate observance for the community," Street said, adding that she formed a committee of community leaders which included Maj. Jesse Bane, Harford County Sheriff's Department; See **REMEMBERING**, page 7



Photo by MATT BUTTON
The honor guard from the Maryland Army National Guard, 29th Aviation Brigade marches past the stage toward its place on the infield at Ripken Stadium during the Harford County Sept. 11 memorial service.



DoD photo by PETTY OFFICER STEVEN VANDERWERFF, U.S. NAVY

13,000 attend Pentagon Observance Ceremony

Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld speaks during the Sept. 11 Observance Ceremony at the Pentagon. More than 13,000 people attended the service to remember those who lost their lives one year ago when terrorists crashed a commercial airliner into the Pentagon. See story on page 12.

Installation Watch Card

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OCS Board announced

Steve Schultz
SBCCOM Adjutant

On Dec. 12, the U.S. Army Garrison, Fort Meade, will convene a board for soldiers applying for attendance at the U.S. Army Officer Candidate School.

Along with the United States Military Academy and the Reserve Officer Training Corps, the Officer Candidate School remains an important source of commissioned officers for the Army.

Recently the Army increased the number of soldiers who may attend OCS.

Candidates apply through local boards - Fort Meade for APG soldiers - and those selected begin a rigorous, 14-week course of instruction at Fort Benning, Ga.

Aberdeen Proving Ground soldiers who wish to become commissioned officers should prepare their applications early.

The key prerequisites for eligibility are:

- Be a citizen of the United States.
- Have a GT score of 110 or

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Red Cross moves

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Office of the American Red Cross has relocated from building 2477 to Room 111 in building 2752.

This building is located next to the Army Community Services building on Augusta Street.

The telephone number remains 410-278-2087.

Hours of operation are 9 a.m. to noon, Monday through Thursday.

EA Re-Nu-It Center October hours

The Edgewood Area Re-Nu-It Center will be open Wednesdays and Thursdays [not Fridays] in October due to construction in building 5185 .

The hours of operation for Oct. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, and 17 will be 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m.

For more information, call Richard Conway, 410-278-8814/8815 or Maurice Bishop, 410-436-2398.

Celebrate Hispanic heritage

The U.S. Army Center for Health Promotion and Preventive Medicine Hispanic Employment Program will present “Hispanic Americans: Strength and Unity, Faith and Diversity,” 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., Oct. 10, at the Gunpowder Club conference facility, building E-4650, Edgewood Area.


Events include guest speaker Jeffery Derrick Vargas, national Hispanic employment manager from the U.S. Department of Energy, Washington, D.C.; Hispanic foods, displays and music.

Some food sampling includes arroz con pollo (rice and chicken), yucca al mojo (Cassava root cooked and smothered with a garlic base light sauce) and guineito en escabeche (boiled green bananas sautéed in a onion garlic base sauce).

Live music will be provided by Wanda Liz Colon.

For more information, call Eleonor Gordon, 410-436-

Pollution Prevention



Carry a trash bag in your car or keep your trash with you until you can find a garbage can. Don't litter.

APG Pollution Prevention Program

8304, Carmen Adrover, 410-436-8341, or Capt. Roberto Marin, 410-436-5486.

APG Newcomer Orientation Oct. 24

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Newcomer Orientation will be held at the Aberdeen Area Recreation Center, building 3326, Oct. 24, 1 to 3 p.m.

All military and civilian personnel, retirees and their family members are invited.

Representatives of support agencies and organizations will be present to discuss their activities.

New employees are invited to visit display tables featuring information about community services and activities.

For more information contact Godofredo (Fred) Posadas, relocation manager, Army Community Service, at 410-278-2453.

New Internet address for PMCD

Public information about the Army's chemical weapons disposal program is available at a redesigned Web site: <http://www.pgcd.army.mil>.

The U.S. Army Program Manager for Chemical Demilitarization site will feature updates on the program's progress across the country as well as historical background, current events and opportunities for public involvement.

Work on the site's new look began over a year ago, and the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, prompted further alterations.

The Web site is part of the

Army's extensive efforts to keep the public continually informed of its mission to dispose of chemical weapons and related materiel while ensuring public and environmental safety.

To obtain comments or arrange an interview with a chemical weapons disposal program representative, contact the Public Outreach and Information Office at 1-800-488-0648.

EA Re-Nu-It Center relocates

The Edgewood Area Re-Nu-It Center has moved [from building E-5703] to building E-5185, located on Magnolia Road, one block west of Route 24.

At the Magnolia Road intersection, make a left on to 32nd street, go through the gate. The entrance door is 29A, which is directly in front of the gate.

The hours of operation are Wednesday, 8 a.m. to 4:15 p.m. and Friday, 10 a.m. to 6:15 p.m.

For more information, call 410-436-2398.

APG Commissary offers 'Early Bird' shopping

The APG Commissary opens at 8 a.m. on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday for 'Early Bird' shopping, offering limited service for customers to purchase up to 20 items. Limited service includes items that are normally stocked at night.

The commissary opens at 10 a.m. for regular shopping.

Meeting of WACVA Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114T

The Women's Army Corps Veterans' Association Chesapeake Beacon Chapter 114T would like to invite all women who have served or are serving in the Army, Reserve, and National Guard to attend their meetings. The invitation includes Air Force, Navy, Marines and Coast Guard.

The Chesapeake Beacon holds meetings to discuss and plan ways to help veterans and local communities.

To join, contact Wanda Story, 410-272-5040, or e-mail her at OkieGirlMD@aol.com for information on meeting dates, locations and times.

For more information, visit the chapter Web site at www.wacva.com.

Health classes

The following classes will be held in the Preventive Medicine conference room (Room A-12), located on the first floor at Kirk U.S. Army Health Clinic.

For more information and to register for classes, call Preventive Medicine, 410-278-1964.

Tobacco cessation: Classes are scheduled for four consecutive Tuesdays, noon to 2 p.m., Nov. 5, 12, 19 and 26. Preregistration is required.

All TRICARE PRIME beneficiaries are invited to attend.

Healthy eating: Classes are scheduled noon to 2 p.m., Oct. 1, 8, 15, and 22. Weight control through healthy eating will be discussed.

All TRICARE beneficiaries with a desire to learn more about healthy eating and parent(s) or sponsor(s) of children with healthy eating concerns are eligible to attend.

Bring a calculator to class.

Sports & Recreation

FOOTBALL UPDATE



The following results were reported for intra-mural flag football for the week ending Sept. 13.

Aberdeen Division

Results

Sept. 9
NCOA, 21; HHSB, 0
HHC 16th, 13; HHC 61st, 0
Company C 16th, 16; USAF, 6
Sept. 10
Company E 16th, 7; Company C 16th, 6
USAF, 12; Company B 16th, 6 (OT)
USMC, 8; Company A 16th, 0
Sept. 11
USMC, 6; Company E 16th, 0
HHC 61st, 6; Company E 111th, forfeit
HHC 16th, 26; HHSB, 0

Schedule

Sept. 23
6:30 p.m., HHC 61st vs. HHSB
7:30 p.m., Company E 111th vs. NCOA
8:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. Company E 16th
Sept. 24
6:30 p.m., HHCC 61st vs. HHSB
7:30 p.m., Company E 111th vs. NoA
8:30 p.m., Company B 16th vs. Company E 16th
Sept. 25
6:30 p.m., NCOA vs. HHSB

7:30 p.m., USAF vs. USMC
8:30 pm., HHC 61st vs. vs. HHC 16th

Standings

HHC 16th	2-0
NCOA	1-0
HHC 61st	1-1
Company E 111th	0-1
HHSB	0-2

Edgewood Division

Results

Sept. 9
HHC 143rd, 21; MRICD, 14
Company A 143rd, 12; Company B 143rd, 0
Sept. 11
MRICD, 20; Company C, 143rd
HHC 143rd, 15; Company A 143rd, 6

Schedule

Sept. 23
6:30 p.m., Company B 143rd vs. MRICD
7:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. Company C 143rd
Sept. 25
6:30 p.m., HHC 143rd vs. MRICD
7:30 p.m., Company A 143rd vs. Company B 143rd

Standing

HHC 143rd	2-0
MRICD	1-1
Company A 143rd	1-1
Company B 143rd	0-1
Company C 143rd	0-1

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Photo by ELIZABETH FLEMMING
Showing good release form is Corey Yonce, who has bowled on the APG YABA League for several years.

Join the youth bowling league

The Aberdeen Proving Ground Young American Bowlers Association Bowling League is looking for more bowlers. Youths interested in having a good time on Saturday mornings should come out to the Bowling Center on APG and join the fun.

Bowling begins at 10 a.m. every Saturday. The sanction fee is \$10.50 and the bowling cost is \$5 per week. For more information, call Coach Sandy at 410-278-4041.

Get fit at APG Health and Fitness centers

The APG Health & Fitness Center, located in building 320, and Hoyle Fitness Center, located in building 4210, Edgewood Area are the perfect places to achieve fitness goals. The centers have a full range of cardio and weight training equipment designed to meet most needs, and personal training and fitness assessments are available. A new aerobic schedule includes step and sculpt, kick-boxing, total body condition-

ing, body sculpting and circuit training classes. The classes meet Monday thru Friday, 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.; Monday thru Thursday, 5 to 6 p.m.; and Saturday, 9:15 to 10:45 a.m. For more information, call Gwyn Dolzine at 410-278-9725/9759 at APG or in Edgewood at 410-436-7135/7134, or e-mail gwyn.dolzine@usag.apg.army.mil.



Preventing sports injuries playing flag football

Diana Settles
Navy Environmental Health Center

Personal fitness

Pace yourself; don't do too much too soon when preparing for flag football season.

A pre-season conditioning program with emphasis on stretching and strength training should be implemented prior to the beginning of flag football season.

When preparing, participate in activities specific to flag football, such as upper and lower body muscular fitness exercises and stretching. This will strengthen the connective tissue (muscle, bones, ligaments, and tendons) and will provide strong support of the lower body. (Most knee injuries occur in the weaker of the two legs).

Remember to warm-up and stretch at least 5 to 10 minutes before practicing or playing.

NOTE: Prior injury predisposes one to re-injury of the involved extremity.

Athletes with poor muscle strength, particularly in the hamstring, quadriceps, and gastrocnemius muscles are more susceptible to lower body injury.

Equipment

Oral injuries can be prevented through the use of mouth guards/protectors.

Rubber molded cleats are mandatory for military flag football participation.

Jewelry, i.e., rings, necklaces, etc. are not recommended during flag football activity participation.

Clothing attire that contains pockets is not recommended due to the risk of fingers getting caught or lodged in the clothing.

Training, technique:

Flag football is not considered a contact sport, so risk of

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MWR Expo today

To see what MWR has planned for the fall, stop by the Edgewood Area Recreation Center, Sept. 19, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Health screenings, aerobic demonstrations, and MWR displays will be available along with give-aways and door prizes.

For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

Aerobic Kickboxing

Aerobic kickboxing classes will be held every Monday and Wednesday, Sept. 30 through Dec. 2 at the APG Athletic Center at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$30 for the 10-week class or \$5 per class. Register at the AA Fitness Center.

For more information, call Gwyn Dolzine at 410-278-9725 or e-mail gwyn.dolzine@usag.apg.army.mil.

Lunchtime yoga

Yoga fit classes will be held every Tuesday and Thursday, Oct. 1 through Dec. 3 at the Youth Center at 11:30 a.m. Cost is \$30 for the 10-week class or \$5 per class.

For more information, call Gwyn Dolzine at 410-278-9725 or e-mail gwyn.dolzine@usag.apg.army.mil.

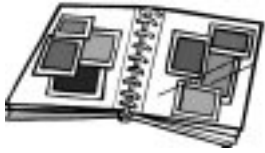


Golf tournament at Ruggles

The 2002 Salute to Champions Golf tournament will be held Sept. 21 at Ruggles Golf Course. No entry fee. Sign up by making a tee time on Sept. 21 and declare entry before teeing off. Once the round is completed, turn in scorecard signed and dated to the pro shop. For more information, call Tom Green at 410-278-4794 or e-mail tom.green@usag.apg.army.mil.

Scrapbooking class

Learn to tell your story through photographs and graphs by attending a “crop” for beginners or advanced scrapbers, Sept. 28, at 9 a.m. in the AA Recreation Center. Cost is \$20 for beginners and \$10 for advanced. Register by Sept. 23 at the AA Recreation Center. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.



ROCKTOBERFEST

Two great live bands, Starbelly and Steele Blee, DJ, Volksmarch, golf and bowling tournaments, great food, and more will be part of ROCKTOBERFEST, Oct. 18 at the Maryland Boulevard picnic area, 11 a.m. to 11 p.m. The event is open to the entire APG community and is FREE. For more information, call Chris Lockhart at 410-278-3904 or e-mail chris.lockhart@usag.apg.army.mil.

3rd Friday party

Dance the night away to favorite tunes and enjoy the “mystery” entertainment Sept. 20 in the AA Recreation Center from 9:30 p.m. to 1:30 a.m. Open to permanent party military only. Tickets can be purchased at the AA Recreation Center, building 3326, and are \$5 in advance and \$7 at the door. For more information, call Earlene Allen at 410-278-3854 or e-mail earlene.allen@usag.apg.army.mil.

MWR Web site is live

Check out www.apgmwr.com for all the latest morale, welfare and recreation information on Aberdeen Proving Ground. See what classes are being offered, where to go for the latest aerobic class and much more. For more information, call Gwen Meadows at 410-278-4497 or e-mail her at gwen.meadows@usag.apg.army.mil.

Enter contest to thank a service member

The Fourth Annual Letters to the Front Writing Contest

Marguerite Towson
APG News

The Defense Commissary Agency and General Mills is sponsoring the Letters to the Front Letter Writing Contest.

Now in its fourth year, the writing contest has generated thousands of letters of support for American troops stationed in remote areas such as Afghanistan, Kosovo, Bosnia, Macedonia, and the DMZ.

The worldwide contest began on Labor Day, Sept. 2, and will continue through Veterans’ Day, Nov. 11.

All local and regional winners are automatically entered into competition for the grand prizes: children under the age of 18 can receive a \$3,000 scholarship award, and the 19-and-over grand prizewinner receives a computer system valued at over \$3,000.

Each letter must be between 100 to 200 words and should begin, “Dear Service Member, I just want to say thanks for...”

Entry forms are available at the post Commissary, or they can be downloaded from the Web site [http://www.letters-](http://www.letters-from-the-front.com)

[from-the-front.com](http://www.letters-from-the-front.com).

The letter, attached to an entry form, should be mailed to: Letters To The Front, P.O. Box 25348, Alexandria, VA 22313. All letters must be postmarked no later than Nov. 11.

All qualified entry letters will be shipped to our troops stationed overseas.

The contest was first sponsored in 1999, inspired by Marsha Roberts, producer of “Letters From The Front WWII,” now in its 11th anniversary tour.

APG will host two free performances of “Letters From The Front WWII” in October.

The first performance will be open to the general public on Thursday, Oct. 3, 5 p.m.

The second performance at 7 p.m. on Friday, Oct. 4, will be open to active duty military only.

For more information, call Earlene Allen, 410-278-3854, or visit www.letters-from-the-front.com.

APG organizations remember 9-11



Photo by ELEANORE HAJIAN
Lt. Col. Tony Price, right, U.S. Army Environmental Center executive officer, presents a U.S. flag that was flown over the Pentagon to Edgewood Elementary School Principal Allyn Watson during a 9-11 ceremony at the school.

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Aberdeen Proving Ground organizations took time to remember the victims of 9-11 at the one-year anniversary last Wednesday.

In the Edgewood Area, an 8:30 a.m. ceremony on McBride Parade Field, hosted by Col. Mardi U. Mark, APG garrison and deputy installation commander was timed to observe an 8:46 a.m. moment of silence, marking the time that the first hijacked airliner struck the World Trade Center in New York.

Personnel from the U.S. Army Environmental Center marked the occasion at Edgewood Elementary School, with whom it has a learning-based partnership agreement. Lt. Col. Tony Price, AEC executive officer, presented a flag that had flown over the Pentagon to Principal Allyn Watson.

At the Edgewood Chemical Biological Center, Technical Director James Zarzycki and Mike Parker, SBCCOM deputy to the commander, led an employee recognition ceremony noting organizational contributions to operations Enduring Freedom and Noble Eagle I on Sept. 12. *(The story will appear in next week's APG News.)*

In the Aberdeen Area, the U.S. Army Developmental Test Command held morning and afternoon ceremonies in the Powers Conference Room, building 314. Col. Marvin K. McNamara, commander, shared personal reflections on the Sept. 11 attacks, after participants observed a moment of silence and watched a film on recovery efforts in New York, Pennsylvania and Washington, D.C.

In the Patriot Day ceremony, an overflow crowd filled the stands and the lawns bordering the parade field. Members of the Edgewood Area Fire Department and Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security police officers formed police cruisers, fire engines and rescue equipment into a semi-circle around the field, honoring the hundreds of first responders killed the previous year.

The 389th Army Band, (AMC's Own) led by Chief Warrant Officer Jerry Standridge and drum major Staff Sgt. Vincent

Johnson, marched solemnly onto the field to the beat of a lone drummer.

Dave Burdick, APG garrison, opened the program noting the presence of emergency responders and adding that the flag flying at half-staff on the field had also flown over the Pentagon.

"Sept. 11 will always have a place in our hearts," Burdick said.

During the invocation, Col. Kenneth Kolenbrander, garrison chaplain, offered a prayer for protection and strength.

"Protect our soldiers in harms way and strengthen us and those who continue to guard this installation and this nation," Kolenbrander said.

In her remarks, Mark, who came to APG from the Pentagon and who lost several friends in the attack, was momentarily overcome recalling the recovery efforts of emergency responders immediately following the attacks.

"They sent a signal around the world that America will not be intimidated," Mark said.

Quoting President George W. Bush, she added, "Our grief turned to anger, and anger to resolution. Whether we bring justice to our enemies or our enemies to justice, justice will be done. And justice has been done.

"We will never forget Sept. 11, 2001," Mark said. "We continue to grieve for our victims and feel for their families."

After a moment of silence and the singing of "God Bless America," Staff Sgt. Mickey Paone led the 143rd Ordnance Battalion salute squad in a 21-gun salute, followed by a lone bugler playing taps.

Many attendees said they were pleased with the command-led homage to the mournful anniversary.

"We felt it was important for our community to have a day to set aside to remember," said Col. Edward Newing, chief of staff, U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command.

Lt. Col. Carroll Lucas, SBCCOM U.S. Army Reserve Unit, said the program reinforced a respect for those who made the effort to save those who were lost in the attacks.

"Having a ceremony like this brings the community together," Lucas said. "We will make the adjustment but our lives are changed forever."

"It was a fitting tribute to those on the first line of defense, the first responders who are truly on the front line of the war to protect the homeland," added Robert Krauer, Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security.

Garrison Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings added that the tone of the program reflected the nation's struggle to come to grips with the attacks, one year later.

"Normalcy will return but it will take time," Stallings said. "To a certain degree, things won't ever be the same again."

Adding her satisfaction with the program, Mark said that, "9-11 was personal to all of us. It caused us to reflect on how precious life is and to not take anything for granted. I too walked those halls."

The 143rd Ordnance Battalion provided the color guard, led by Sgt. 1st Class Tony Vasquez.



Sgt. 1st Class Alfred Kimble, left, Headquarters and Headquarters Company, 143rd Ordnance Battalion, renders a salute as a trumpeter from the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) plays taps at the Patriot Day Ceremony.



A flag weaving by youths from the Edgewood Area Youth Center decorates a fence in the center's parking lot.



Flowers frame a memorial plaque for the husband of former Edgewood Chemical Biological Center employee, Judy Troy. Willie Troy was killed in the attack on the Pentagon. The plaque was presented during an ECBC employee recognition ceremony on Sept. 12. *(The story will appear in next week's APG News.)*



Led by drum major Staff Sgt. Vincent Johnson, the 389th Army Band (AMC's Own) marches single file onto McBride Parade Field.



Edgewood Area firefighters and equipment line the parade field in memory of the 343 firefighters killed on Sept. 11.



U.S. Army Developmental Test Command employees observe a moment of silence during an afternoon ceremony in the Powers Conference Room. Col. Marvin K. McNamara, commander, is pictured in the center.

Photo by ALISIA CHAPMAN

Master Sgt. Harry Ballard, Maryland Army National Guard, mentoring coordinator for the Military Youth Corps Free State ChalleNGe Academy, salutes after placing his contribution on the Table of Remembrance during the memorial service at Ripken Stadium.



Farewell

From front page

retired Brig. Gen. Joe Brooks, Northeastern Maryland Technology Center; retired Maj. Norman W. Boskind, Maryland Transportation Authority Police; Blair Cross, Korean War Veterans Association; and Ruth Hoskins, Harford County Emergency Operations Center, who planned the program.

"These are the people who knew how to make things happen," Street said, adding that organizers were pleased with the outcome and already are looking to next year.

"It may not be on as grand a scale, depending on the public's interest, but we plan to have it," Street said.

"This event commemorates what is being called our second day of infamy," Cross said. "It serves as a reminder that we must never let our guard down."

Other APG organizations in the ceremony included the MDARNG Military Youth Corps Freestate ChalleNGe Academy. Led by drill instructors and director, Lt. Col. Ron Martin-Minnich, the cadets served as escorts for the impaired or elderly, and stayed behind to assist in the cleanup.

Capt. Erick Stone, APG Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, led a contingent of APG police officers to the stadium.

"Our officers are on hand for law enforcement purposes, and to represent the APG police force," Stone said. He added that the day should also be remembered as a time for pause and reflection.

"This is an emotional day for everyone," Stone said.

"Some feel it is a time to be by themselves and concentrate."

In his remarks, Fretterd noted that 48 of the 3,032 lives lost on Sept. 11 were Marylanders. Specifically, he mentioned Willie Troy, a retired Army staff sergeant who died in the attack on the Pentagon and whose wife worked for the U.S. Army Soldier and Biological Chemical Command; and Chief Warrant Officer William R. Ruth, MDARNG, who was lost in the World Trade Center attack.

"They lost their lives simply by being Americans," Fretterd said. "Neither they nor we could have anticipated an act of terrorism so destructive, so malicious."

Fretterd said the presence of so many first responders - soldiers, police officers, veterans and citizens - in the stadium for the first remembrance was indicative of the nation's resolve.

"Like all of you, I believe whole heartedly in the resilience of our fellow Americans," he said. "We should be vigilant and not allow ourselves to be imprisoned by suspicions and anxiousness. We may be forced to give up some of our liberties, but not our freedom," he added.

The Bel Air Community Band, led by Scott Sharnetzka, provided patriotic selections throughout the ceremony, highlighted by the singing of the National Anthem and "God Bless America" by Betty Buckless, Bel Air United Methodist Church.

The Deerfield Dolphin Singers, Deerfield Elementary School; the North Harford High School A Cappella Choir; and the Upper Chesapeake Chorus, Sweet Adelines International, which brought down the house with Lee Greenwood's "God Bless the USA", performed choral selections.

"This was truly a memorable and uplifting event that will not soon be forgotten," said Boskind at the show's conclusion.

Noting that the production required hundreds of hours of planning and coordination, he thanked Ripken Stadium for the use of its "wonderful facilities" and praised Bel Air Community Band President, Phyllis Fowler with supporting the "outstanding musical program."

"I asked for and readily received parking lot assistance from the Women's Army Corps Veterans Association Chapters 70 and 114-T, the Vietnam Veterans of America Chapter 588 and Harford County fire and police units.

"Their role in supporting this event was greatly appreciated," Boskind said.

He encouraged the Harford County government to consider planning a memorial program for next year.

"I would consider it an honor to again be a part of this worthwhile endeavor," Boskind said.

Other members of the Sept. 11 planning committee included Capt. Henry Trabert, Aberdeen Police Department; Cathy Potter, Board of Education; Cecelia Stepp, councilwoman, District F; Chief Leo Matrangola, Bel Air Police Department; Detective Sgt. Stephen A. Smith, Aberdeen Police Department; Joe Pfaff, director Harford County Department of Parks and Recreation; Maj. John VanGilder, Havre de Grace Police Department; Phyllis Fowler, Bel Air Community Band; Rabbi Robert A. Jacobs, Harford Jewish Center; Rev. Eric King, AMES United Methodist Church; and Stephen Lancaster, Jarrettsville Volunteer Fire Company.

Photo by MATT BUTTON

Howie Travers, a firefighter with the Aberdeen Proving Ground Fire Department, grips an American flag as he watches the memorial service.



Photo by ALISIA CHAPMAN

Holding an American flag, Julie Lloyd of Aberdeen watches the Harford County Sept. 11 Memorial Service at Ripken Stadium.



Photo by MATT BUTTON

Brig. Gen. Craig A. Peterson, deputy commander for Homeland Operations, SBCCOM Chemical Command, Natick, Mass., expresses thanks for a job well done as he presents an Operation Noble Eagle I coin to all participating service members during a farewell ceremony at Aberdeen Proving Ground's Fanshaw Field.

Remembering

From front page

Letter of Appreciation given by Jason Gleason, representing senators Paul Sarbanes, Barbara Mikulski and congressmen Robert Ehrlich and Wayne Gilchrest; a letter of appreciation on behalf of Maryland Governor Parris Glendening presented by Douglas Wilson, mayor of Aberdeen; and a proclamation on behalf of the Harford County government and the citizens of Harford County, presented by Harkins.

In his remarks, Peterson encouraged the audience to stand and applaud "these great soldiers."

"I join fellow soldiers, family members and everyone else in this country in recognizing and honoring you soldiers on this fine day," Peterson said.

He added that he was honored to represent

the APG commander and praised the devotion to duty of all members of the Noble Eagle I force.

"Thank you for taking time away from your families, homes and jobs to answer the call to duty," Peterson said.

"Take the pride, duty and honor demonstrated here home with you and share it with your friends, neighbors and co-workers. You proved that serving the country is a team effort. God bless us and God bless our soldiers."

"This ceremony was the product of a lot of hard work by a lot of people," Butler said at the ceremony's conclusion.

"I think the soldiers appreciated the general's comments. They were from the heart as was our desire to express appreciation for their service to APG."

"It was a great ceremony," added USAR Maj. Gen. Michael Mayo, regional support commander, Tennessee Army Reserve.

"The soldiers were really pumped up to do this. I thank APG for being such a gracious host and friend to our soldiers," Mayo said.

Community Notes

**FRIDAY
SEPTEMBER 20
HEROIN ALERT PROGRAM**

The Youth Ministry of St. Paul's Evangelical Lutheran Church of Aberdeen, 201 Mt. Royal Ave. and Route 22, is sponsoring the Harford County Sheriff's Office presentation, "Not My Child—Heroin Alert" at 7 p.m. Geared towards youths ages 12 and older, their parents, friends and caring adults in the community, the program will be presented in the sanctuary. The event is free. "Say No to Drugs!" and "McGruff's Drug I.D." guides will be available while supplies last. Refreshments will follow the presentation. For more information, call Eva Fuentes, 410-272-3111 or e-mail her at fuentes@stpaulselc.org.

**SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 21
BIG MEMBERSHIP DRIVE**

The public is invited to join members of the Blacks In Government's Susquehanna Chapter, 6 to 9 p.m., at the Riverside Club House in Bel Camp, for the chapter's annual membership drive. The Riverside Club House is located at the intersection of Church Creek and Declaration Circle.

Information on the chapter's mission and the national organization will be available to attendees. Membership is open to any federal, state or local government employee and/or contractor regardless of race, sex, creed, national origin or religion.

Blacks In Government was organized in 1975 and incorporated as a non-profit organization under the District of Columbia jurisdiction in 1976. BIG has been a national response to the need for African Americans in public service to organize around issues of mutual concern and use their collective strength to confront workplace and community issues. BIG's goals are to promote equity in all aspects of American life, excellence in public service and opportunity for all Americans.

For more information, contact Johnita Pitts, 410-273-7915, Marsha K. Glenn, 443-528-3060 or Larry D. McCaskill, 410-485-7054.

CWF HOSTS TRIP TO BROADWAY SHOW

The Civilian Welfare Fund is sponsoring a trip to see "Phantom of the Opera" on Broadway. The \$99 price per person includes charter bus transportation and a ticket to the show. Bus will depart the Aberdeen Area at 6 a.m. and return to Aberdeen at approximately 11 p.m. There will be time for shopping and lunch before the show. For reservations or more information, call Angela Keithley or Jacqueline McKeever, at 410-278-4603/4771.

BASKET BINGO

The Military & Civilian Spouses Club is sponsoring Basket Bingo at the Gunpowder Club, Edgewood. Doors open at 6 p.m.; games begin at 7 p.m. Cost is \$10 for 20 games and includes door prizes and drawings for a picnic basket and a basket lamp. Food will be available for purchase. For more information, call Angie Salamy, 410-272-6712.

**SUNDAY
SEPTEMBER 22
VINTAGE BRIDAL FASHION SHOW AND TEA**

The Bel Air Cultural Arts Commission will sponsor a Vintage Bridal Fashion Show and Tea at 1 p.m. at Rockfield Manor, Churchville Road, Bel Air. Cost of admission is \$20. Seating is limited. For more information or to make reservations, call 410-838-2985.

**TUESDAY
SEPTEMBER 24
BACK TO SCHOOL RALLY**

St. James A.M.E. Scholarship Committee, 615 Green Street, Havre de Grace, presents "A Back-To-School Rally," 6 to 8:30 p.m. Refreshments will be served 5 to 5:45 p.m. The guest speaker is Dr. Don Brunson, vice president of the Honors Program, Morgan State University. Additional events include a panel discussion with Harford County educators and students, and a fashion show: acceptable versus unacceptable. Students who are interested in participating in the program should call 410-273-7265.

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 4
LOCAL COMIC ENTERTAINS IN LAUREL**

Charlton-Miller VFW Post 6054, located at 206 Spesutia Road, Aberdeen, is sponsoring a "GET YOUR LAUGH ON!" bus trip to the "Joke's On Us" Comedy Club in Laurel. The cost is \$20 and includes a bus ticket, comedy show ticket and snacks. VFW members pay only \$10. The bus leaves the Post Home at 6 p.m., and return before 2 a.m. The featured comedian is "Dee" Shaw, from Aberdeen. For tickets, call Senior Vice-Commander Suzette Shields or Junior Vice-Commander Keith Hammitt at 410-272-3444.

COUNTRY HOE DOWN

The Harford County Country/Western Dance Association, a non-profit organization, sponsors country western dancing the first Friday of the month at the American Legion located on Parke Street in Aberdeen. Dancing is held from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. Everyone is welcome. Cost of admission is \$8 and includes draft beer, soda, chips and pretzels. For more information, call 410-272-8318.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 5
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Susquehanna Shrine Club will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Cost is \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Tesha Wright, 410-836-3619 or Doug, 410-557-8529.

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 11
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit North Harford High School Junior Varsity/Varsity Baseball will be held at the North Harford

High School, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Tesha Wright, 410-836-3619.

**SATURDAY
OCTOBER 12
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the Good Shepherd Catholic School will be held at the school, 810 Aiken Ave., Perryville, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call the Good Shepherd School, 410-642-6265 or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

**FRIDAY
OCTOBER 18
BASKET BINGO**

Basket Bingo to benefit the John Archer School Family Fund will be held at the Aberdeen Fire Hall, Rogers Street, 7 p.m.; doors open at 6 p.m. Food, drinks and baked goods will be available. Tickets cost \$10; additional sets cost \$5. For tickets, call Dotti Kirk, 410-642-6468, or Brenda Conjour, 410-273-7332.

MOVIES

ADMISSION: ADULTS \$3, CHILDREN \$1.50
Building 3245 Aberdeen Boulevard



SPIDERMAN
Friday, Sept. 20, 7 p.m.

Starring: Tobey Maguire, Willem Dafoe

After being bitten by a radioactive spider, Peter Parker's body chemistry is mutagenically altered so

that he can scale walls and ceilings, and he develops a "spider-sense" that warns him of approaching danger. After his uncle is murdered by a criminal Peter failed to stop, he swears to use his powers to fight evil. (Rated PG-13)

**THE ADVENTURES OF
PLUTO NASH (FREE
ADMISSION)**

Saturday, Sept. 21, 7 p.m.

Starring: Eddie Murphy, Rosario Dawson



Pluto Nash, the owner of a night club on the Moon in 2087, finds himself in hot water when he refuses to sell his club to the local mob. He also has to deal with an evil clone, his robot sidekick, and his gun-toting mother. (Rated PG-13)



BLOOD WORK
Saturday, Sept. 21, 9 p.m.

Starring: Clint Eastwood, Jeff Daniels, Wanda De Jesus

Retired FBI profiler Terry McCaleb (Eastwood), who has recently had a heart

transplant, is hired by Graciela Rivers (De Jesus), to investigate the death of her sister, Gloria, who happens to have been the heart donor. On the case, he soon learns that the killer, who staged the murder to look like a random robbery, may actually be a serial killer. McCaleb was trailing for years. Can the older retired FBI agent, who had intended to spend his retirement living on his boat in the Los Angeles harbor, muster up the endurance to find the killer? (Rated R)

APG SCHOOL LIAISON UPDATE

**MATH SEMINAR FOR
PARENTS**

Roye-Williams Elementary School will hold a Parent Mathematics Academy Oct. 11, 9:40 a.m. This hands-on seminar will address the mathematical model of the "empty number line" and how it can help children solve problems in mathematics.

This seminar is free to all Roye-Williams parents. Children will bring registration forms home from school. For more information or questions, call Pam Tabor, 410-273-5536.

**SCHOOL RESOURCES
FOR PARENTS**

The Military Child Education Coalition has developed a practical resource for parents, students, and educators called 'Chart Your Course,' an academic passport packet designed to help military parents and their children become skilled at navigating the academic path from middle school through high school graduation and beyond.

Parent Guidebook, a practical resource for parents and students experiencing transitioning from one school to another is also available at the School Liaison Office, building 2752. For free copies, call Ivan Mehosky, 410-278-2857.

ROYE WILLIAMS PTA

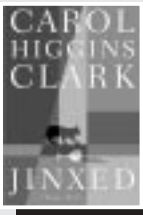
For up to date information, annual calendar of events, or how to get involved and support the Roye Williams Elementary School Parent Teacher Association, contact Suzanne Wills, RWES PTA vice president/publicity coordinator at 410-273-5895 or e-mail her at Frauwillis@aol.com.

LIBRARY BOOK CORNER

The APG Garrison Library has the following books for your reading pleasure:

Council by Greg Tobin.

The story of the first American-born pope, who sends shock waves throughout the Catholic Church when he summons a new gathering of the world's bishops. His mission is to bring crucial, long-needed changes to the life of the church.



Jinxed by Carol Higgins Clark

Beyond Suspicion by James Grippando

Mission Compromised by Oliver North

The Lovely Bones by Alice Sebold

In Search of Klingsor by Jorge Volpi Escalante

Criminal Intent by William Bernhardt



To receive a complete listing of the library's new materials via e-mail and also reserve items electronically, call the library at 410-278-4991.

Operating hours of the Aberdeen Area Library, building 3320, are Saturday and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m., Monday, Wednesday and Thursday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m.\

The Edgewood Area library is open on Tuesday, 11:30 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. For information, call 410-436-3589.

ATC employees receive DTC awards

Susan Hagan
ATC/ATSS

Sixteen U.S. Army Aberdeen Test Center employees were presented U.S. Army Developmental Test Command professional certificates in recognition of performance reflecting the highest degree of quality, reliability, and accuracy, in a ceremony at ATC Aug. 19.

“Occasionally, you’ve got to take time out to recognize people who do their job day after day, giving 100 percent, and 110 percent when it’s necessary,” said Brig. Gen. Dean R. Ertwine, former commander of DTC.

Col. Mary K. Brown, ATC’s commander, thanked the recipients for “everything you do for us, day in and day out.”

Each award recipient received a certificate, an engraved key chain, and a Commander’s Coin.

Awards

Sgt. Thomas A. Frederick was commended for his performance in support of developmental testing for ATC. His devotion to duty and selfless service are key factors in the overall success of future combat systems for ATC and the U.S. Army.

Thomas O. Gosweiler, an explosives operator supervisor for the Experimental Ammunition Unit; Weapons, Ammunition, and Simulated Environments Team, was recognized for his extraordinary skills, professionalism and dedication that contributed to the successful accomplishment of mission requirements for the unit and the safety and development of assigned personnel.

Alice J. Jones was recognized for her performance as an Electronics Engineer for the Virtual Proving Ground Team. Jones’ work on VISION (Versatile Information System - Integrated Online) related programs helped to improve the quality, ease-of-use, and speed in acquiring, processing, storing, and distributing data via the VISION Digital Library System.

Richard B. Kimball, an engineering technician for the Stryker Test Unit, Fire Control Team, was commended for his performance during critical automotive testing to support fielding of the Stryker vehicle. His knowledge of automobile systems and experience with the testing of military systems have resulted in

successful testing.

Paul C. Klara, a test director for ATC, demonstrated outstanding technical skills in his conduct of Series 1 through 5 of the Exploding Ordnance Emissions Study and in the development of the unique Blast Sphere test chamber.

Richard A. Kreiss, a supply management specialist for the Administrative and Logistics Team, was awarded for his leadership, initiative and capability to excel in a variety of assignments. Kreiss instituted innovative ways of doing business that cut costs to the organization and provided customers with more than they expect for lower cost.

Michael W. McEvoy, a test director for the Maritime Team, was recognized for support to the NATO SEASPARROW Underwater explosions (Undex) shock test and the TACTICAL TOMAHAWK UNDEX shock and drop tests. McEvoy also serves as the ATC dive officer; providing oversight to 22 divers, making sure they maintain their certifications required training.

Billy D. Mullis, a mechanical engineering technician for the Vehicles Team, was recognized for initiative, dedication, and professionalism during the development and workloading of the ATC Accelerated Corrosion Durability Measurement and Control Test Facility, while simultaneously acting as the lead test director for the Advanced Amphibious Assault Vehicle Amphibious Operations Shakedown Test.

Hien T. Nguyen, a member of the Aberdeen Sensing Technology Team, was recognized for his professional work ethic and accomplishments. Nguyen’s knowledge in the application of Millimeter Wave Radar technology has provided support to virtually all new ground combat systems being introduced into the U.S. Army and Marine Corps inventories. Additionally, Nguyen has been instrumental in procuring from the Army Research Laboratory a unique Holographic Radar system used as a diagnostic tool.

Mark S. Raab, a member of the OPFOR Technical Unit, Intelligence Surveillance and Reconnaissance Team, was recognized as being an expert on foreign combat vehicle fire control systems and was credited with his efforts resulting in “soldiers and commanders knowing detailed intelligence on enemy equip-

ment prior to engagement.”

Mary E. Raab an engineering technician for the Geodetics Team, was recognized for her “vast knowledge and experience that allows her to process Velocity and Yaw Card data with extreme accuracy.” Raab was also recognized for her competence in GIS and data processing manager duties, which enable “smooth operation” of the Geodetics Team.

Lorrinda M. Retrossa, a senior test director, was recognized for her technical and program management skills in supporting commercial aircraft testing for the Transportation Security Agency, formerly part of the Federal Aviation Administration. Retrossa was also a key player in coordinating the purchase of an aircraft that will be flown to ATC for testing.

James E. Scott was commended as a facility management specialist for the Automotive Field Unit, Automotive Operations Team. Scott’s efforts to formulate a briefing that simplified a major portion of automotive testing in the Army have contributed to a long line of successful tours.

Charles M. Smothers, an artillery tester supervisor for the Ballistics Field Unit, Weapons, Ammunition, and Simulated Environments Team, was recognized for demonstrating extraordinary skills, professionalism, and dedication that contributed to the successful accomplishment of mission requirements for his assigned unit and the development of advanced knowledge and capabilities of those around him.

Geraldine P. Thompson was commended for her work as an editorial assistant for the Services Unit, Administrative and Logistics Team. Thompson manages the preparation of ATC’s technical reports, as well as operating the mailroom, reviewing the mail and providing professional, courteous service.

Raphael J. Vanegas, a mechanical engineer for the Fire Control Team, was recognized for his exceptional efforts, professional attitude, and quality of work as the lead engineer of ATC’s Moving Target Simulator. Vanegas’ knowledge and efforts were instrumental in advancing ATC’s testing capabilities.

ChalleNGe program awarded for academic excellence

Maj. Charles Kohler
MDA/RNG

The Freestate ChalleNGe Academy, a Maryland National Guard sponsored youth program, was recently awarded the Lt. Gen. Emmet H. Walker Academic Award. Presented by the United Service Organizations (USO) of Metropolitan Washington, the award was given for the program’s level of academic achievement.

Within the course of a year Freestate ChalleNGe students demonstrated a 1.9 grade equivalency level increase in reading, a 1.8 grade equivalency level increase in mathematics and a 1.3 grade level equivalency increase overall on the Tests of Adult Basic Education (TABE). Additionally, 74 percent of the students earned a General Educational Development (GED) diploma and 24 percent of the graduates continued their education upon completion of the program’s

residential phase.

The USO held the ceremony to honor top ChalleNGe programs from throughout the country.

Miss America 2002 Katie Harman and World Wrestling Federation’s Big Boss Man were at the ceremony and helped to recognize the accomplishments of the National Guard’s ChalleNGe program.

Freestate ChalleNGe is a 22-week military oriented residential program operated by the Maryland National Guard at Aberdeen Proving Ground. The program emphasizes academic achievement, commitment and discipline for its participants who must be high school dropouts between the ages of 16 and 18, drug free and not in the juvenile justice system.

Since its inception in 1993 a total of 1,400 students have graduated from the Freestate ChalleNGe program.

USO gives military Care Package program global reach

Gerry J. Gilmore
American Forces Press Service

The Operation USO Care Package program for service members deployed overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom is being expanded globally, said Elaine Rogers, president of United Service Organizations of Metropolitan Washington.

USO-Metro has distributed 1,000 care packages monthly to armed forces members to boost morale since last December, Rogers explained. That successful program, she noted, also included messages of support and was sponsored by community businesses and other local organizations.

The USO care package program, Rogers noted, replaced the “To Any Service Member” letter program, which was suspended due to the anthrax mail threat.

Now, Rogers said, the USO wants to expand the care package program to support even more service members.

“We wanted to give more Americans the opportunity to say ‘Thank You’ to our armed forces that are putting their lives on the line in the war against global terrorism,” she said.

The expanded program, which kicked off Sept. 3, will work in tandem with the USO at BWI, she said, noting that many troops deployed overseas in support of war operations pass through that airport.

“We have a lot of flights going to the Enduring Freedom area,” she added, noting that the military’s Air Mobility Command at the airport is a partner in the program.

All service members on their way to the war zone from BWI will be given care packages, Rogers noted.

USO-Metro has also “joined with our world organizations to expand this worldwide distribution of care packages,” she added.

Rogers said information on how citizens can send a message of support and sponsor a care package is available at

<http://www.usometrodc.org/contents.html> or by calling 1-866-USO-GIVE. To contact the USO directly, call 703-696-3261 or send e-mail to USO@fmcc.army.mil.

“We will take your message to the troops,” Rogers said, noting that each care package includes an AT&T international calling card with 100 free minutes.

Military members serving overseas in support of Operation Enduring Freedom have told the USO they’d appreciate items like paperback books, various toiletries, candy, suntan lotion and snacks, Rogers noted.

“Many of those type of items will be included in the care packages,” she said.

The USO, Rogers noted, also provides care packages to service members in hospitals who are recuperating from battle wounds. Care packages have also been given to troops deploying overseas from Fort Bragg, N.C., and Fort Polk, La., she added.

INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY EXPOSITION, SEPT. 24

The Federal Business Council is hosting a technology exposition at the Aberdeen Proving Ground Top of the Bay Ballroom, Sept. 24, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. All Department of Defense, armed forces personnel, civilians and contractors with access to APG are invited to attend.

Complimentary refreshments will be served.

Technology companies will demonstrate the latest information technology products and services, including Sharp, CDW-G, Sony, Southern Business Communications, and more. To pre-register and see a

list of exhibitors, visit the Federal Business Council Web site at www.fedpage.com/eventslist.asp.

For more information, call Mark Gable at 1-800-878-2940, ext. 235 or e-mail him at mark@fbcdb.com.

OCS board

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- Pass the Army Physical Fitness Test score 180 (APFT).
- Pass the Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), min 850 or American College Test (ACT), min 19.
- Have at least 90 semester hours of college study.
- Achieve a score of 80 or higher on the English Comprehension Level Test (ECLT); if primary language is not English.

- Be at least 18 years old and less than 30

(can waiver age up to 35).

- Have a complete physical exam six months prior to date of application.

Completed packets must be submitted to the SBCCOM Military Personnel Office not later than Oct. 31. Each application consists of one packet containing all original documents, and three photocopies of the original packet. Additional information may be found in Army Regulation 351-5 (Officer Candidate School) or the OCS Web page, <http://www.armyocs.com/home/>.

The APG point of contact for OCS applications is the SBCCOM Adjutant’s Office; e-mail milpo@sbccom.apgea.army.mil; or call Vanessa Cefaloni, 410-436-2130 or 410-436-3239.

LEAVE DONATION

Employees eligible for donations in the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program are:

Beginning immediately, the new forms to use for the Voluntary Leave Program are OPM 630, Application to Become a Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program; OPF 630-A, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (within agency); and

OPM 630-B, Request to Donate Annual Leave to Leave Recipient Under the Voluntary Leave Transfer Program (outside agency). Employees leaving the program need to contact Dave Mial, 410-278-1524, so that they can complete a termination form.

Mary A Banaszak
Fay Walker Banker (hip replacement)
Marian Bellis (fracture of left tibia)
Gretchen E. Blethen
Janet H. Brezinski (surgery)
Bonnie Bromley (liver transplant)
Daniel Brown (father has emphysema)
Tammy Budkey
Jane E. Calahan (surgery)
Patricia D. Choate
Nancy Coleman-Jones (surgery)
Tracy H Coliano-Hirsch (maternity)
Geraldine S. Cragg

Dawn M. Crouse (surgery)
Rene de Pontbriand
Tricia Lin Dietz
Fred Dill
Joseph R. Dugan
Messina Enderlein
Wayne Erb (wife is ill)
Patty Gibson
Joyce C Green
Edgar W. Greer
Gerald P. Gulden
Michael L. Hitchcock (surgery)
Fern L. Hitchcock (surgery)
Melanie A. Hoffman (parasinusitis, fibromyalgia condition)
Beverly A Higgins (surgery)
Stephen Howard (bone

marrow transplant)
Wayne A. Jaynes
Evelyn K. Johnson (surgery)
Marcia Johnson (caregiver for daughter)
Marlin Julian (heart surgery)
Mary B. Kane (surgery on leg)
Jennifer Keetley (maternity)
Beverly King (caring for husband)
William Klein
Nicole L. Klein (broken ankle)
Anita L Koller care for husband)
Carrie L. Lambert

Angela R. Little (neck and shoulder injury)
Edna L. Lobodzinski (eye surgery)
William B. McLean (kidney failure)
Rebecca G. Mercer-Leto (heart attack)
Stacy Miller (maternity)
Michelle Millary (taking care of father)
John E. Mogan (surgery)
Cecil Pennington (surgery)
Debi L. Petosky (back surgery)
Karen S Pense
Mary E. Pettitway
Barbara Carol Remines (surgery)
Michael Reynolds

Boyd J. Richards (care of mother)
Denise Robinson (maternity)
Ricky Ross (heart attack)
Tami C. Rowland (maternity)
Allan Scarborough (back surgery)
Jennifer W. Sekowski
Sherry Schaffer
Diane Scott
Lena Shelton
Teresa L. Shores
Motoko Stahl
Debra S. Stark (surgery)
Colvin J. Strickler II
Rachel Swearingen
Walter J Swiderski
Hilary P. Talbot

Jorta J. Thomas-Murcia (surgery)
Alison Tichenor (surgery)
Sandra M. Wachter (surgery)
Rosalind Walters-Kenion (maternity)
Cecelia Walton (respiratory problems)
Beverly A. Werner (surgery)
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Army News



Pentagon marks first anniversary of terror attack



DoD photo by CHIEF PETTY OFFICER JOHNNY BIVERA, U.S. NAVY President George W. Bush and Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld look up to see the flag of the United States draped over the side of the west wall during the Sept. 11 Memorial Service at the Pentagon. More than 13,000 people attended the service to remember those who lost their lives one year ago when terrorists crashed a commercial airliner into the Pentagon.

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Linda Smith will long remember the two co-workers who died in last year's terrorist attack against the Pentagon, but she said she is now ready to move beyond grieving for them and the survivor's guilt she has experienced during the past 12 months.

Smith, a Department of the Army civilian with the Office of the Assistant Chief of Staff for Installation Management, was one of about 10,000 military and federal civilians who marked the anniversary of the attack at a remembrance ceremony Sept. 11 outside the building at the site where hijacked American Airlines Flight 77 hit.

As promised by President George W. Bush at a Pentagon memorial service one month after the attack, the destroyed section, known as Wedge One, has been rebuilt in time for the one-year anniversary.

"Many civilian and military personnel have now returned to offices they occupied before the attack — the Pentagon is a working building, not a memorial," Bush said. "Yet, the memories of a great tragedy linger here. And for all who knew loss here, life is not the same."

More than 3,000 people died in the Sept. 11 attacks. Including those on Flight 77, 184 victims perished in the Pentagon attack. Between the Pentagon, the New York City World Trade Center and hijacked United Flight 93 that crashed in a Pennsylvania meadow, the victims came from more than 80 different nations, and from many different races and religions, according to Department of Defense statistics.

Bush said those victims did not die in vain, as their loss has moved a nation to action to defend innocents around the globe.

"The best way to remember the victims is to protect our liberties from those who would take them away," Secretary of Defense Donald H. Rumsfeld said.

Each of the speakers echoed the theme that while life goes on for most Americans, the military continues to face great challenges in defending freedom around the globe.

"I came to the presidency with respect for all who wear America's uniform," Bush said. "I have great confidence in every man and woman who wears the uniform of the United States of America. I am proud of all who have fought on my orders, and this nation honors all who died in our cause."

Rumsfeld listed several of the successes of the current War on Terrorism that resulted from last year's attacks: 2,000 prisoners, many more than 2,000 terrorist killed in Afghanistan and millions of dollars worth of terrorist funding found and frozen. Rumsfeld pointed out that the United States is not in the war alone. Some 90 nations have joined the coalition against terrorism, representing the greatest coalition in history, he said, as he thanked those partners for their support.

"The terrorists who attacked us have failed miserably — they lost before the first shot was fired," the secretary said. "They failed because they did not achieve their objectives. They wanted September 11 to be a day when innocents died — instead it was a day when heroes were born."

"Even as they wiped away their tears, Americans unfurled their flags," Rumsfeld.

Smith wiped away her tears once again at the remembrance ceremony.

"I needed to be here today to remember those who sacrificed their all for this great nation of ours," Smith said. "I will always remember that day, but now I can move on while never forgetting. I would give my life today if that's what was needed for freedom, but it wasn't my time then and it isn't right now."

Army honors its Sept. 11 fallen

Staff Sgt. Marcia Triggs and Michelle Bard
Army News Service

On the anniversary of the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks, an Army determined not to let the tragedy change its way of life, honored the 75 members of its family that perished when American flight 77 was used as a deadly weapon.

A year ago, the Pentagon's courtyard was a triage area, where burn victims were evacuated and treated. But on the anniversary, it was the place where victims and survivors were honored. With planes flying overhead, reminding everyone that America is moving on, the courtyard was a place where poems were recited, hymns were sung and prayers were said for victims and survivors.

"Today is a day for celebration because after tragedy there is always triumph and that can be seen in the rebuilding of the Pentagon," said Pvt. 1 Kenneth Depew, an infantryman that worked weeks after

the attack removing debris and searching for survivors in the Pentagon.

Then there are those who say that the day terrorists attacked America will never be a day for celebrating.

"One of the lasting images I have of September 11 is when victims were being evacuated to the courtyard," said Lt. Col. Eric Webster, who works in the Office of the Chief of Chaplains. "It's not time to celebrate. Some of the real challenges that we yet might face are still in front of us."

Everyone, however, agreed that this was a day of remembrance. Maj. Gen. Gaylord Gunhus, the chief of Army chaplains, stressed the value in looking back.

"Sometimes the best way to move ahead is to pause. Pause and look back, take stock, reset our course and reaffirm our direction. This is our pause," Gunhus said.

The Army Remembrance Ceremony, "Service of Hope and Honor," began with a moment of silence and includ-

ed remarks from the Army's highest ranking civilian, officer and enlisted soldier.

"We must remember what it is that we do in this great, gray limestone building — remember what we stand for. We are here to guarantee all Americans the right to live their lives and to die as free men and women," Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric K. Shinseki said.

The speakers addressed more than the green-suiters in the audience. Army Secretary Thomas E. White made a point to remind the audience that not just military served their country on that day.

Civilians "demonstrated their resolution" by coming back to work immediately after the attack, White said.

"They returned at that point to a still burning Pentagon to stand shoulder-to-shoulder with their uniformed co-workers, all members of the Army family, in the ultimate demonstration that we are truly an 'Army of One,'" White said.



Photo by U.S. Army Visual Center Maj. Gen. Gaylord Gunhus, the chief of Army chaplains, addresses the Pentagon's Army family during a Remembrance Service for the victims and survivors of the Sept. 11 terrorists attacks. From left, Secretary of the Army Thomas White, Army Chief of Staff Gen. Eric Shinseki and Sgt. Maj. of the Army Jack Tilley also addressed the audience.

Report outlines Pentagon attack and aftermath



Photo by Staff Sgt. Nate Orme Lt. Col. Robert Rossow examines a chart he drafted depicting where G1 personnel were located the morning of Sept. 11, 2001, when a hijacked jetliner hit the Pentagon.

Michelle Bard
Army News Service

The new school year was just getting underway when Lt. Col. Robert Rossow, G-1 historian for the Army, dropped off his eighth-grade daughter at her school in Las Cruces, N.M., on the morning of Sept. 11, 2001. He was living there while working with the ROTC program at New Mexico State University.

As he pulled into the parking lot, he heard from a National Public Radio news report that a jetliner had crashed into the Pentagon. He turned to his daughter and said, "I'm probably going to be gone for awhile."

He was right. As a reservist assigned to the Office of the Deputy Chief of Personnel, he learned 30 minutes after the attack that his help was needed in Washington, D.C. Ten days later he arrived at the Pentagon ready for his assignment.

His boss, Raymond "Robby" Robinson, G-1 chief of Operations, gave him the task of writing the History/After Action Report for his organization, ODCSPER.

Of the 125 Pentagon personnel killed Sept. 11, ODCSPER's organization was especially hit hard with 26 dead.

Rossow's 12-chapter report, which includes about 20 photographs, is titled Uncommon Strength. The comprehensive account outlines the events leading up to the crash at the Pentagon, the crash itself and the aftermath from an Army ODCSPER perspective.

Rossow, however, is taking a unique approach in writing the report. Unlike other Army reports on the event, Rossow's focus is the people.

"I want to tell the story of the people, by the people," Rossow said. He also admits much of the report comes straight from interviewees. "I have plagiarized unabashedly from all the interviews I've taken because I want it to be their words," he said.

The mission Rossow was given is a result of his academic background in history and political science, he said, as well as his love for writing.

Rossow worked for United Press International as a journalist after serving as a reconnaissance scout in Vietnam. At UPI he learned to always ask the question, "What is the story?"

He had that question in mind when he accepted the responsibility of writing ODCSPER's account of Sept. 11 and it is that question that remains in his mind as he prepares to finish the project over the next two to three months.

"My task is to sort out what the story is — what are the pieces?" he said.

Conducting interviews was Rossow's second step in writing the report and they have become a main focus of it. He initially started with eight or nine interviews with ODCSPER people who were actually involved and since then, has interviewed about 75 people overall. Rossow said one interview would open up the door to dozens of other contacts.

"You never knew what you were going to find in any particular interview. Some of them could really lead you off into a number of things," he said.

After interviewing, Rossow had the task of piecing the accounts together to make a cohesive story. He likened it to putting together a puzzle, a hobby he enjoys. But even so, he admits he ran into obstacles fitting the many pieces of the puzzle together.

"Writing is very difficult," he said. "Because as Perry Mason

will tell you, you can have 10 eyewitnesses to a crime and you can have 10 different crimes."

Rossow said working with the Center of Military History and Department of Defense has helped fit the pieces together.

"Working together, eventually you'll come to a synthesis as to what the story is," Rossow said.

One of the chapters in his book is called "Lessons Learned." Rossow said he takes many of them away with him as a result of his work on the project. For example, he stresses the importance of fire drills and evacuation plans.

"People need to have fire drills and people need to pay attention to them. When things happen, it's too late to read the manual," Rossow said.

In addition, after interviewing dozens of survivors, Rossow came face-to-face with a number of "what-if" situations. For example, on the morning of Sept. 11, one young officer who worked in wedge 1 where the plane hit got an insatiable craving for a vanilla smoothie. Rossow stressed she was not a sweet eater and particularly not at 9:30 am. But she just had to have one, so she left her work area to cure her craving. Minutes later the plane hit her work station.

"She most certainly would have been killed," Rossow said. Rossow's experience in Vietnam helped shape his opinion about these situations.

"A lot of people have feelings about this. But I was in Vietnam and when it's your time, it's your time. People need to accept it and not get wrapped up around it. And that can be very difficult to do," he said.

People wonder and ask Rossow about the significance of the title of the report. He says it is a testament to the strength of the people in ODCSPER who trudged on in such dire circumstances, given the number of casualties their office suffered.

Rossow compared it to combat. If it had been an actual unit, they would have been pulled from the line for reconstitution. But, as Rossow put it, "We didn't have that pleasure."

"We had to keep doing our job, licking our wounds. People still have scars; probably all of us have scars from what happened," Rossow said. "But we've pulled through and continued to march."

Noble warriors fit in, call APG home

Story and photos by
Yvonne Johnson
APG News

Stationed miles from home and family, dozens of Noble Eagle I Army National Guard and Reserve soldiers found ways to blend into the community during their 10-month stay at Aberdeen Proving Ground.

Whether playing sports, working part time, volunteering in the community, or exploring educational opportunities, they kept busy and took advantage of their assignments. Here are some of their stories.

450th Military Police Company

A full time Army Reserve operations noncommissioned officer, Sgt. 1st Class Richard Smith volunteered for the task of overseeing the welfare of 22 soldiers from Tennessee's 81st Reserve Support Command in Nashville when his unit was called up in October 2001.

"The unit was short of personnel," Smith said. "I felt I was the best man for the job since I was already familiar with most of the personnel and their situations."

While the new mission held unique challenges in conforming to the mission of APG's Directorate of Law Enforcement and Security, Smith kept busy during non-duty hours as the manager of Morale Welfare and Recreation's Chesapeake Challenge Amusement Park.

He supervised four personnel in managing the facility, including three civilians and Spc. David Villanueva, a member of his unit.

"It gives us something to do," Smith said of the self-imposed requirement. "It's better than sitting in the barracks watching the clock."

Also a volunteer track coach at John Carroll High School, Smith said he encouraged his troops to "get out of the barracks."

"We're a long way from home," he said. "Staying busy makes the time go by quicker. It's good therapy for loneliness."

He added that he was "thrilled" with the unit's performance in support of the installation's security requirements.

"The transition went very smoothly. I think my people have done one outstanding job," Smith said.

"Working part time is better than being idle and thinking about home all the time," Villanueva added. "We have good, people I can depend on, on duty or off."

Spc. Latrish M. Jones, of Huntsville, Ala., said she spent most of her downtime visiting relatives and exploring the Upper Chesapeake region when she wasn't working as a guard at the Maryland Boulevard entrance gate. Jones said she expected to be called up after Sept. 11 and was grateful the assignment was no farther away than APG.

"It's given me the opportunity to learn more about this area I've heard so much about," Jones said.

"I will remember the people most," she said of her time here. "Getting to know APG is a memory I will always treasure."

352nd Military Police Company

Sgt. 1st Class Mike Clark led a military police detachment of 14 from Rockville, Md., that arrived on APG Oct. 19, 2001. An interactive media developer with America Online headquarters in Dulles, Va., Clark said he was eager to be included in Noble Eagle efforts.

"I wanted to go to Afghanistan and take the fight to them. Instead I'm here, but I still feel I'm doing my part," Clark said.

With the responsibility of

seeing to the administrative and personal needs of his personnel, Clark worked 12-hour shifts, leaving him little time for other commitments other than visiting home whenever possible.

"I'm single so the separa-



tion isn't as hard on me, though I do visit home whenever possible," Clark said.

He added that his soldiers were using their downtime wisely, many taking college and correspondence courses through the Army Education Center on post.

He commended the APG garrison for the support the unit has received during its time here.

"The command is great," Clark said. They bend over backwards for you. They make it easier for me to do my job."

A native of Washington, D.C., Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Berry, when not serving, is a Metropolitan Transit police officer. With a self-described "sunny disposition," Berry said he has enjoyed his time here, making numerous friends while learning more about the area.

An avid fisherman, Berry spent much of his personal time fishing at Skippers Point and Woodpecker Point.

"Fishing is a great relaxer and the area helps because it is so peaceful," Berry said. "I just catch them, then release them," he added. "I'm not a big fish eater."

He added that it was a pleasure to serve on APG and that he would stay longer if it were up to him.

"I will remember this tour most of all for the people," Berry said. "I met some of the nicest people on the gates, they far outnumbered the rude ones."

Company C, 1/115th Infantry Regiment

1st Sgt. David Benjamin led the light infantry unit that deployed here with its Headquarters and Headquarters Company. Stationed on the Edgewood Area, the unit participated in the intramural sports program, fielding teams in basketball, softball and volleyball. Benjamin said his troops adjusted quickly to their rigid schedules and were determined to relax and take advantage of the community whenever possible.

"We've served our country and benefited in experience and education during our time here," Benjamin said.

He credited APG garrison commander Col. Mardi U. Mark and Command Sgt. Maj. Ronald Stallings with promoting the unit's involvement with APG activities.

"They believe in taking care of soldiers," Benjamin said. They gave us every opportunity to get involved and made us feel welcome."

He thanked the sports program, which welcomed their participation.

"We weren't caught up in winning, just in having fun," Benjamin said, adding that the unit took third place in its division in basketball.

A member of the Maryland National Guard since 1978, Benjamin said the deployment has been a learning experience for all involved.

"I didn't know much about this area. We've come to respect this mission and the job they do here every day," he said.

One member of the unit, Spc. Kevin Reynolds, is a native of North East, Md. A medic with his fire departments' emergency medical team, Reynolds said he used his free time to advance his education.

Enrolled in courses through

the APG Education Center, Reynolds picked up 15 credits with Cecil Community College and the University of Maryland Baltimore Campus and completed 22 hours of CLEP and FEMA correspondence courses.

"The Education Center personnel were wonderful," he said. "They got me on track in my course selection and financially."

Working full time, with a wife and two children at home, he said he would not have accomplished so much ordinarily.

"This deployment provided the chance for me to speed up my education," Reynolds said, adding that getting back into the military lifestyle also benefited him physically.

"It helped me discipline-wise," he said, noting that he lost 50 pounds with the daily fitness regimen and increased his physical training test score from 100 to 230.

"This has been good for me," he said. I appreciate the chance to excel that APG gave me."

"But I am ready to go home, he added with a smile.



Players jockey for position during a Jan. 30 basketball game between the MDARNG's Company C, 1/115th Infantry and Company C, 143rd Ordnance Battalion in Hoyle Gym. From left, Frank Lochner, 33 and Oscar Garcia, 53, Company C, 143rd; David Benjamin, 43, and Emmanuel Powell, 52, Company C, 1/115th and John Witten, 42, Company C, 143rd.



After a long day of checking vehicles at the gate, Sgt. 1st Class Kevin Berry, 352nd Military Police Company, Maryland Army National Guard, enjoys an afternoon of fishing on Woodpecker Point in the Aberdeen Area.



Photo by ROGER PARKS
The combination of a broken pipe and the drought causes a 400,000-gallon water loss from Darlington Street storm water pond, an area frequented by installation wildlife.

Pond’s water loss mystery solved

Barry Decker
DIO

Every day, civilian employees and military personnel drive by the storm water containment pond adjacent to Maryland Boulevard and Darlington Street. Many enjoy watching the waterfowl swimming, nesting, or foraging for food around this pond. Occasionally onlookers are treated to a visit by a Great Blue Heron.

Recently the pond looked extremely low and some people questioned if the

water loss was caused by the drought or by evaporation from our hot, dry summer air.

According to Dr. James Bailey, Directorate of Safety, Health and Environment, the answer is yes and no.

Noticing the water loss, he investigated and found the reason for the lower water level.

“The drought caused the earth surrounding an abandoned sewer pipe running under the pond, to dry out to such an extent that it shifted and broke,” Bailey

said. “The broken pipe drained approximately 400,000 gallons of the pond water into the sanitary sewer system to which it was connected. When the pond level was even with the break, the water loss stopped.”

Personnel from The City of Aberdeen’s Public Works Department responded to the service call and repaired the break.

“Since this pond is on a spring, it will slowly refill,” said Bailey, adding that any rainfall will speed the process.

Safety

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injury is lower than participation in American (tackle) football. It’s important to note that the more player to player contact, the higher the risk of injury.

The style of play by a football team may increase risk of injury; the more contact involved, the higher the incidence for injury.

A trained coaching staff can positively influence flag-football injury prevention. Coaches should provide safe information to players regarding preparation, conditioning and training, and proper playing techniques.

Officiated games decrease the risk of injury. Enforcement of rules assists in decreasing the incidence of injury.

Contact a local MWR trainer or the trained coaching staff for additional information on flag football conditioning. Many MWR facilities provide safety/injury prevention information to coaches, players, and officials about preparation, conditioning, and training proper playing techniques.

Environment

Be aware of the environment around you. Prior to participating in flag football, look for risk factors on the playing field such as divots, holes, soft drink tops, glass, etc.

Alcohol consumption should be discouraged during athletic participation.

Liquid and nutrition replenishment is recommended to decrease exposure-related illness.

(Editor’s note: Diana Settles is the manager of Injury Prevention Physical Fitness Programs at the Navy Environmental Health Center, Norfolk, Va.)